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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 25, 2001 in the above-identified application, Applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 USC 121:

Group I – LXXII: Claims 27-32, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:15, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5.

Each of groups I – LXXII is said to correspond to a single invention wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:15 wherein Xaa3 is a single amino acid selected from the group consisting of I, M, and V, in combination with Xaa7 wherein Xaa7 is a single amino acid selected from the group consisting of D and E, in combination with Xaa11 wherein Xaa11 is a single amino acid selected from the group consisting of Y, F, and H, in combination with Xaa16 wherein Xaa16 is a single amino